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Miss. patients and
preexisting conditions

BY AMANDA WARD
News Editor

This past spring, Congress passed the “Affordable Care Act,” which instituted a new program- The Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP).

PCIP is one of the first aspects of the new act that Mississippi has adopted.

According to cit-data.com, 16 percent of Lafayette County are not covered by health insurance. Thirteen percent of children under the age of 18 are not covered.

Applications for the PCIP pool were being accepted by July 1, Lanny Craft, executive director, Mississippi Health Insurance Risk Pool Association, said.

Eligibility for the PCIP coverage, according to www.PCIP.org, is based on three criteria. The applicant must be a U.S. citizen or national, have

been uninsured for at least six months and have had problems in getting insurance, due to pre-existing conditions.

“The new federal pool serves people who have not had any health insurance by any coverage at all for at least six months,” Craft said.

The program’s website has more information in the way of PDF files explaining the dimensions of the program.

The deductible is \$2,500 for what the program considers “in-network” providers and \$3,000 for out-of-network care.

Monthly premiums are grouped by age, Craft said. The tiers are 0-34, 35-44, 45-54, and 55+.

The program brochure states, “There is no lifetime maximum or cap on the amount the plan pays for your care.”

According to www.PCIPlan.com, there are several in-network health care providers in



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Lafayette county. Locations for these physicians can be accessed on the website.

This website distinguishes the program from regular health insurance companies.

“PCIP is a transtional program because on January 1, 2014, health insurance companies will be probited from denying coverage due to a pre-existing condition.”

Beginning September 23, the Affordable Care Act will prevent insurance companies from denying children under the age of 19 with pre-existing conditions heal care policies, according to the federal act’s website, www.healthcare.gov.

The website also lists new rules that will go into effect on September 23. These new rules

include prohibiting rescinding coverage (refusal of payment due to errors in insurance applications) and eliminating lifetime limits on insurance coverage.

It will also regulate the annual limits on coverage, which will ban the use of annual dollar limits on essential benefits such as hospital stays and it will give consumers the option to appeal coverage determinations or claims made to their insurance providers.

The latter also establishes an external review process.

In coming years, the federal government will make more strides into the reform of health care, however, much of the PCIP reform will be in effect this year.

FOOTBALL PLAYER
ARRESTED THURS.

BY BRITTANY STACK
The Daily Mississippian

Rodney Scott, sophomore football player, was arrested Thursday morning for disturbing the peace in an incident spurred by the vandalizing of his car.

According to the University Police Department Daily Log, the police were called to the Turner Center at 9:54 a.m. Thursday morning.

There, Scott was fighting with Elmer L. Johnson, another university student. The fight broke out after Scott learned that Johnson was the one who caused the car damage.

Both Scott and Johnson were arrested and taken to the Lafayette County Detention Center.

The charges are misdemeanors; both were released Thursday afternoon on bond.

Kyle Campbell with Ole Miss Athletics Media Relations said, “Coach Nutt is still gathering information on what happened Thursday morning.”

Scott’s fight comes a month after receiving the Southeastern Conference Sportsmanship Award. He received it for lying under Auburn player Zac Etheridge for 10 minutes while medical workers stabilized Etheridge, who had received a neck injury, during the Oct. 31, 2009, game.

Had Scott gotten up, the movement could have worsened Etheridge’s condition and even caused paralysis.

Scott is from Cross City, Florida. He attended high school at Dixie County High School.

Further news about the event will be given once UPD and Coach Nutt release more information.

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BACKYARD AIRSTRIP CARVED OUT
OF MISS. WILDERNESS

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — With 50 acres of property and a love for flying, David Tomlin turned 1,900 feet of his property into a landing strip that has jokingly been dubbed “Harmontown’s International Airport.”

It took almost five years and lots of help from friends to turn what once was a dense north Mississippi forest into a flat landing area.

“Anyone who came along that wasn’t doing anything, I asked to help,” Tomlin said from his Harmontown home off Mississippi Highway 310.

Tomlin started on the landing strip about 10 years ago.

“I love my flying,” he said. “I wanted to have me a strip in my backyard and go flying whenever I wanted to.”

Tomlin worked for an aviation insurance adjuster that retrieved planes after they crashed. At the age of 45, he decided it was time to start learning how to fly himself.

After receiving his private pilot license, he bought a Cessna 150.

“It was just a two-place and it wasn’t big enough,” Tomlin said.

Tomlin, the retired fire chief for Harmontown, upgraded to a Cessna 172 which seats four people. He purchased his most recent plane, another Cessna 172, about six months ago. It’s no whippersnapper of a plane. It was built in 1964.

“But it has low hours,” he said. “It’s like buying a used car. It might be a few years old but has low miles on it.”

After having the planes, Tomlin decided it was time to have his own airstrip. His friend, Roger Cooper, a retired Lafayette County Sheriff’s Department deputy, helped Tomlin build his airstrip.

Cooper, a private pilot for at least 40 years, has two planes he keeps out on Tomlin’s strip — a 1940, bright yellow, J3 Piper Cub and a 1967 Cessna 150.

Cooper defends his Piper Cub and claims it’s faster than people realize.

“It’s just a 65 horsepower engine, but it gets off the ground faster than some with 140 hp engine,” he said. “They were used during World War II as fighter planes.”

Tomlin and his buddies worked on the landing strip on weekends and in the evenings. They were joined by several friends, including Mike Chapupis, who doesn’t fly but enjoyed helping his friends work on leveling the grass landing strip, and Bill Thomas.

“Bill really helped a lot,” Tomlin said.

Thomas died shortly after the landing strip was finished.

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ABSTRACT WORKS OF
MARIE HULL AND
ANDREW BUCCI

A vivid selection of Marie Hull’s colorful, energetic abstract works on paper and Andrew Bucci’s refined, calligraphic, and organic compositions in oil and watercolor comprise an exhibition on loan from the Mississippi Museum of Art.

Teacher and Student: Abstract Works of Marie Hull and Andrew Bucci remains on view at the University of Mississippi Museum until September 18.

The University of Mississippi Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 a.m. through 6:00 p.m. and closed Sunday and Monday, and all University holidays.

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COLUMN

Look-alikes, doppelgangers and everyone else

Everyone reading this column probably has a look-alike somewhere on this planet.

There are three varieties of look-alikes that I get a kick out of: the look-alikes that are a dead-on resemblance of the person they look like, the look-alikes that share a physical resemblances of the person you're thinking about, but once you get a good look they look absolutely nothing alike and, of course, the celebrity doppelganger.

Those dead-on look-alikes are probably the ones you run into every day. I've found a look-alike for everyone in my high school class. These look-alikes can sometimes get me into some pretty awkward situations. The worst of these situations is when another person and I are approaching each other, and then within one second of catching the person's eye, I instantly realize that I don't know them.

Although look-alikes are completely random, everyone really does have an exact look-alike somewhere out there. Francois Brunelle, a Canadian photographer, took this idea a step further. In his photo collection "I'm not a look-alike," Brunelle took photos of Americans and Europeans that look exactly alike, even like twins, but

there's once catch, they're complete strangers to each other and they're not related.

The look-alikes that are funniest have to be the ones that from a different angle looks like someone you know, but other than that they look absolutely nothing alike. Awkward situations involving these look-alikes are usually the worst.

Not only have you made contact with the person, but at this point you've probably just given this stranger the worst look ever. It's usually this "who are you and what did you did with so-and-so, you imposter!?" look. I've gotten that look from people a couple of times, so I'll assume there is someone on this campus that looks a lot like me. But I'm not the imposter, he is! Or at least I think he is.

Another thing that I absolutely hate is someone who feels the need to tell you that you look a friend of theirs or someone they know.

Last summer, I participated in a program at a community college. One of the advisers of the program felt that I looked like her son, so much that she actually treated me like this sort of weird alternate version of her son. Being an alternate version of someone else is pretty creepy; luckily I never the met the guy.

The best look-alikes are celebrity doppelgangers. Before I talk about celebrity doppelgangers, I have say a bit about the background of the word 'doppelganger.' A doppelganger is apparently a ghostly double of a living person that typically represents evil. As the doppelganger story goes, if you see your own doppelganger; you'll die soon after that. There are some really weird stories involving Mary Shelley's husband and Abraham Lincoln.

The modern use of the word has come to mean any look-alike of a person. You all probably remember this period when everyone on Facebook posted their celebrity look-alike. A couple of Facebook friends thought they looked like Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson. Why Robert Pattinson? Who wants to look like a guy from a vampire movie? I will admit finding folks that look like a celebrity is pretty fun. With summer programs for high school students taking place on campus, I've seen Justin Bieber like five or six times already.

Now with all this talk about look-alikes that look alike, look-alikes that don't look alike, celebrity doppelgangers and evil doppelgangers, I've got make sure I don't run into my evil doppelganger or this could end like a bad horror movie.

WHY WE LIVE THROUGH PROHIBITION

BY JACOB FULLER
Columnist

According to FBI crime reports, 11,741 drug-offense arrests were made in Mississippi in 2008 (the most recent year the data was available).

According to the 2000 census, the population of Oxford was 11,756. In other words, the equivalent of 99.87 percent of the population of Oxford was arrested in our state in 2008 for nonviolent drug offenses.

Now, if those are just the users getting caught, how many more people have used illegal drugs in Mississippi and never been arrested?

How can we justify arresting and prosecuting that many of our citizens for nonviolent acts? For simply choosing to put a substance into their body. What is it that sets these substances apart from those that we are allowed to buy in drug stores or on grocery store

shelves? Why is it we spend billions of dollars every year to fight an impossible war against these substances?

Can illegal drugs be harmful? When abused, absolutely. Some can cause serious and in some cases fatal side effects physically and mentally. But when was the last time you saw a commercial for a legally-advertised drug that didn't include a 15-second clip listing the possible side effects, including: cough, dry eyes, blood clot, stroke, heart attack and possibly death?

I've personally seen family and friends greatly affect and even almost end their lives with addictions to alcohol, prescription pain killers and psychiatric drugs. All of these things are legal, despite the fact that they ruin thousands of lives a year.

But after 23-plus years and literally hundreds of smokers met, I have never met anyone who had to spend years in-

and-out of rehab or almost killed themselves due to a hopeless addiction to cannabis. Do not be fooled into thinking these substances are outlawed due to their harmful nature. Fried food, cigarettes and alcohol kill hundreds of thousands of people every year, and they are respected, multi-billion dollar industries.

Like legal prescription drugs, many illegal drugs, such as cannabis (for stomach pain), cocaine (in eye drops) and opiates (for severe pain) have been proven to have medicinal purposes and have been used for such purposes by cultures for centuries, despite what the FDA and DEA may say in their reports.

So what is it that sets these drugs apart? They are surely not the only ones used recreationally. One semester at Ole Miss should be long enough to learn the street value of Adderall come

exam time. There are numerous rap songs about the street appeal of such prescription drugs of Xanax, Percocet and Oxycontin.

So why all the money and manpower to fight nonviolent American citizens over some herbs and powders? What sets them apart from our herbal teas and Prozac?

The answer to that question could fill a series of history books. From prohibition's start at the beginning of the last century and government-created anti-drug propaganda to today's billionaire prescription drug companies paying hundreds of millions in campaign contributions and tens of thousands of government jobs supported by illegal drugs, the reasons for prohibition are numerous.

But I'm not here to give you the answers. I'm here in the hopes that I might get you to start asking the questions.

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BEING WHAT WE EAT

BY KIRSTEN JACOBSON
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You don't have to go far to take a trip through the American Waistland. Linger on every horizon, a glistening pair of those iconic golden arches; lurking around every corner, a smorgasbord of iodized and deep-fried choices specially catered for you, the eater on-the-go. By now, we all know what's in the Number 11 with fries and a Coke — it lines our arteries and pads our abdomens — but those fleeting worries can be easily swallowed with a big gulp of a chocolate shake.

The landscape is filled with more than just fast-food eateries, though. As we ramble past gas-station fare, through dorm and cafeteria buffet lines, over hills of supermarket "deals" and navigate the machines of Vend-o-land, we are constantly barraged with a slew of largely unhealthy, yet largely unavoidable, choices. (When even the federal and state governments are stepping up to address and propose legislation on the issue, you can tell the problem has reached a tipping point on the metaphorical scale of importance.)

Hearing that 65 percent of Americans are at or over the obese line in the Body Mass Index spectrum, according to National Survey reports, rarely turns heads anymore. Now, the number of people who are unable to correctly approximate the quantity of "calories they should consume in a day to maintain their current weight" tops 60 percent, say results of a nationally indicative survey published last week in USA Today. Yet 70 percent also claim to be "concerned about their weight," and more than three-fourths don't report getting an adequate amount of exercise.

"People don't know how many calories they should consume in a day, and even more are unclear how many they burn," Wendy Reinhardt Kapsak, a registered dietitian with the International Food Information Council Foundation, told USA Today. "Simple calorie know-how would go a long way toward helping people lose or maintain their weight."

After stomaching these harrowing statistics, it's time to tackle the reflux: This is no longer just about us. We're starting to spread our unhealthy habits and lifestyles, albeit unwittingly, all over Junior's PB&J. Nationwide, 30 percent of children are at or above obesity status — Iowan children fare better, with only 11.2 percent fitting into that category — and Iowa ranks 46th among all states in childhood obesity rates, according to National Survey of Children's Health data. Though this is a testament to our nutrition-education curriculum and initiative in keeping school breakfast and lunch guidelines stricter than those required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (we are among only 20 states and District of Columbia in doing so, notes Healthyamericans.org), Iowa's kids won't be exempt from the taxing effects of fatty foods and sedentary lifestyles forever.

Thus it is notable that the second phase of the Iowa Department of Education's Healthy

Kids Act, which was signed into law by Gov. Chet Culver in 2008 and part of which took effect July 1, has set "established nutritional content standards for food and beverages sold or provided on school grounds during the day." All foods provided at K-12 schools must now be approved for calorie count and fat and sodium percentages by a nutrition calculator; entrées must be 400 calories or fewer, sides under 200, and total fat and sugar must constitute fewer than 35 percent of those amounts.

The days of whole and 2-percent milk are gone; soda pop in schools will become a bygone phenomenon entirely. This is in addition to increased physical activity guidelines, working to counteract the negative effects of a generation that is growing up seated at desks and in front of screens from dawn to dusk.

Though the Healthy Kids Act looks good on paper, there are a few catches that turn this "veggie delight" into more of a "whopper." First and foremost, more must be done to correlate updated educational material into children's schooling; the old food-pyramid method is outdated and does nothing to educate kids about the effects of too much fat, salt, negative food additives, or excessive calories. The provisions of the act set to come in the future do more to address this, but how much will

Iowa's childhood obesity rate rise between now and 2014?

Second, à la carte items such as candy, chips, and sodas can be "replaced with granola bars, whole-grain Pop-Tarts, and low-fat baked chips," as reported by The Daily Iowan July 9. That these products are still available in lieu of fresh fruits and vegetables (and despite the availability of cooked lunches) does little to address the junk-food problem. Moreover, these items still pack whopping calorie counts and do little to discourage kids from eating "the real thing" when they're not confined to the school cafeteria's four walls. (This last sentiment should be iterated in response to a quotation in the Daily Iowan article from Diane Duncan-Goldsmith, the Iowa City School District's food-

service director: "I'd prefer to sell you a whole-wheat bagel rather than a 100-calorie pack of Oreo cookies" — 400 versus 100; you do the math.)

In September, when the Child Nutrition Act comes up for reauthorization in Congress, perhaps our lawmakers in Washington will take steps similar to Iowa's in updating and intensifying what schools are allowed to feed our nations' young minds. The Healthy Kids Act may not be perfect, but it's at least taking a bite out of Iowa's childhood weight statistics; now if only we could all follow these guidelines and pay more attention to what we put in our mouths, America's countryside would look a little brighter, a little lighter, and lot less like "Fat Food Nation."



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“He got to see us take off at least once before he died though,” Tomlin said nodding. “He was a good ol’ fella.”

Tomlin’s grandson, Matthew Nichols, remembers flying with his grandfather when he could barely see over the instrument panel.

“I can remember them strapping me into my car seat so that I could fly with him and when I was a little older, they put a pillow in my seat to boost me up,” Nichols said.

Now, Nichols is also a private pilot with about 300 hours of flying time. He said he doesn’t worry much about his grandfather while he’s flying his 42-year-old plane.

“He does his best to avoid sticky situations,” Nichols said. “I also think years of picking up crashed airplanes for insurance companies has helped build a good sense of respect for the airplane so he doesn’t take a lot of risks.”

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1 PLEADS IN THEFT RING

OXFORD, Miss. (AP) — One of the five men arrested for allegedly being involved in a four-wheeler theft ring has pleaded guilty.

The Oxford Eagle reports Cheyenne Wayne Fine was sentenced this week by Circuit Court Judge Andrew Howorth to 20 years in prison with seven years suspended and five years of supervised probation.

Cases are pending against four others.

Authorities say during a traffic stop last year, Lafayette County deputies found a trailer loaded with four-wheelers and one side-by-side utility vehicle that had been reported stolen.

Authorities say a search of Fine’s home off Mississippi Highway 30 uncovered more stolen property.

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BP, feds clash over reopening capped Gulf oil well

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — BP and the Obama administration offered significantly differing views Sunday on whether the capped Gulf of Mexico oil well will have to be reopened, a contradiction that may be an effort by the oil giant to avoid blame if crude starts spewing again.

Pilloried for nearly three months as it tried repeatedly to stop the leak, BP PLC capped the nearly mile-deep well Thursday and wants to keep it that way. The government’s plan, however, is to eventually pipe oil to the surface, which would ease pressure on the fragile well but would require up to three more days of oil spilling into the Gulf.

“No one associated with this whole activity ... wants to see any more oil flow into the Gulf of Mexico,” Doug Suttles, BP’s chief operating officer, said Sunday. “Right now we don’t have a target to return the well to flow.”

An administration official familiar with the spill oversight, however, told The Associated Press that a seep and possible methane were found near the busted oil well. The official spoke on condition of anonymity Sunday because an announcement about the next steps had not been made yet.

The concern all along — since pressure readings on the cap weren’t as high as expected — was a leak elsewhere in the wellbore, meaning the cap may have to be reopened to prevent the environmental disaster from becoming even worse and harder to fix.

The official, who would not clarify what is seeping near the well, also said BP is not complying with the government’s demand for more monitoring.

Retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, the Obama administration’s spill response chief, demanded BP provide results of further testing of the seabed by 9 p.m. EDT Sunday

night.

“When seeps are detected, you are directed to marshal resources, quickly investigate, and report findings to the government in no more than four hours. I direct you to provide me a written procedure for opening the choke valve as quickly as possible without damaging the well should hydrocarbon seepage near the well head be confirmed,” Allen said in a letter to BP Managing Director Bob Dudley.

When asked about the situation earlier Sunday before the letter was released, BP spokesman Mark Salt would only say that “we continue to work very closely with all government scientists on this.”

Allen insisted Sunday that “nothing has changed” since Saturday, when he said oil would eventually be piped to surface ships. The government is overseeing BP’s work to stop the leak, which ultimately is to be plugged using a relief well.

Allen decided to extend testing of the cap that had been scheduled to end Sunday, the official who spoke on condition of anonymity said. That means the oil will stay in the well for now as scientists continue run tests and monitor pressure readings. The official didn’t say how long that would take.

Officials at the Department of Homeland Security referred questions to a statement issued by Allen; neither he nor BP officials could explain the apparent contradiction in plans.

Suttles’ comments carved out an important piece of turf for BP: If Allen sticks with the containment plan and oil again pours forth into the Gulf, even briefly, it will be the government’s doing, not BP’s.

The company very much wants to avoid a repeat of the live underwater video that showed millions of gallons of oil spewing from the blown well for weeks.

“I can see why they’re pushing for keeping the cap on and shut in until the relief well is in place,” said Daniel Keeney, president of a Dallas-based public relations firm.

The government wants to eliminate any chance of making matters worse, while BP is loath to lose the

momentum it gained the moment it finally halted the leak, Keeney said.

“They want to project being on the same team, but they have different end results that benefit each,” he said.

Oil would have to be released under Allen’s plan, which would ease concerns that the capped reservoir might force its way out through another route. Those concerns stem from pressure readings in the cap that have been lower than expected.

Scientists still aren’t sure whether the pressure readings mean a leak elsewhere in the well bore, possibly deep down in bedrock, which could make the seabed unstable. Oil would be have to be released into the water to relieve pressure and allow crews to hook up the ships, BP and Allen have said.

So far, there have been no signs of a leak.

“We’re not seeing any problems at this point with the shut-in,” Suttles said at a Sunday morning briefing.

Allen said later Sunday that scientists and engineers would continue to evaluate and monitor the cap through acoustic, sonar and seismic readings.

They’re looking to determine whether low pressure readings mean that more oil than expected poured into the Gulf of Mexico since the BP-leased Deepwater Horizon rig exploded April 20, killing 11 people and touching off one of America’s worst environment crises.

“While we are pleased that no oil is currently being released into the Gulf of Mexico and want to take all appropriate action to keep it that way, it is important that all decisions are driven by the science,” Allen said in a news release.

“Ultimately, we must ensure no irreversible damage is done which could cause uncontrolled leakage from numerous points on the sea floor.”

Both Allen and BP have said they don’t know how long the trial run will continue. It was set to end Sunday afternoon, but the deadline

— an extension from the original Saturday cutoff — came and went with no word on what’s next.

After little activity Sunday, robots near the well cap came to life around the time of the cutoff. It wasn’t clear what they were doing, but bubbles started swirling around as their robotic arms poked at the mechanical cap.

To plug the busted well, BP is drilling two relief wells, one of them as a backup. The company said work on the first one was far enough along that officials expect to reach the broken well’s casing, or pipes, deep underground by late this month. The subsequent job of jamming the well with mud and cement could take days or a few weeks.

It will take months, or possibly years for the Gulf to recover, though cleanup efforts continued and improvements in the water could be seen in the days since the oil stopped flowing. Somewhere between 94 million and 184 million gallons have spilled into the Gulf, according to government estimates.

The spill has prevented many commercial fishermen from their jobs, though some are at work with the cleanup. Some boat captains were surprised and angry to learn that the money they make from cleanup work will be deducted from the funds they would otherwise receive from a \$20 billion compensation fund set up by BP.

The fund’s administrator, Kenneth Feinberg, told The Associated Press on Sunday that if BP pays fishermen wages to help skim oil and perform other cleanup work, those wages will be subtracted from the amount they get from the fund.

Longtime charter boat captain Mike Salley said he didn’t realize BP planned to deduct those earnings, and he doubted many other captains knew, either.

“I’ll keep running my boat,” he said Sunday on a dock in Orange Beach, Ala., before heading back into the Gulf to resupply other boats with boom to corral the oil. “What else can I do?”

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BY LANCE INGRAM
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PREDATORS



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Horror movies are synonymous with countless sequels, prequels, remakes, and spin-offs, but rarely do any besides the original deliver anything besides a good laugh. But the 2010 “Predators” sequel (or possibly a remake) is a step in the right direction for the sci-fi, action flick genre. Since I’ve haven’t seen the original “Predator,” released in 1987, in completion, I decided to go ahead and view the latest in sci-fi because I felt I could base my judgements of the newbie without competition from the original. The film opens with Royce (Adrien Brody) plummeting from

the sky in disarray, straining to open his parachute, which (surprise) opens last minute, saving him from a sudden death. He quickly realizes he is not alone on a strange planet as several international tough guys present themselves. Electing not to form personal bonds, the group discovers they are being hunted on an interstellar game preserve by Predators, who draw a resemblance to a ‘roided out Bob Marleys who’ve gone “Nightmare on Elm Street.” And as most horror movies go, the characters decide they want to attempt to survive.

The film had an “And Then There Were None” vibe, as, one by one, members of the caravan, who we would discover are selected participants from various crime and military backgrounds, meet their demise through a series of grotesque mutilations and gory deaths. While the first 20 to 40 minutes are pivotal to creating the film’s plot, it dragged excruciatingly slow. Similar to the second “Lord of the Rings” film, and how it showed Frodo and Sam walking for hours just to clarify that the ring must be destroyed; that’s how “Predators” starts. Despite a slow start the movie finishes strong with several seat-clenching battles, including a one-on-one blade duel between a Predator and a Yakuza officer, portrayed by Louis Ozawa Changchien.

The film isn’t terribly difficult to predict as it progresses, but there is a twist to the ending that slips you back onto the edge of your seat. As much as I tried to base my judgments solely on the 2010 “Predators,” I couldn’t help but think back to who the original hero. When I think about Arnold Schwarzenegger, I instantly think of a freak muscular tough guy, but in the 2010 film, Brody fails to stand up to his predecessor. While his portrayal of the character is well played, Adrien Brody is the last guy I think of when I think of a tough guy, which makes me wonder why not go with Vin Diesel or Jason Statham. With most horror, sci-fi and action flicks, the ending is typically left open sequels, and in “Predators” there is no doubt the film will having a successor to continue the Predator franchise.

INCEPTION



Dreams have perplexed people for centuries, causing them to question the difference between reality and the dream world. As people have pondered the importance and truthfulness of dreams, filmmakers have capitalized on people’s curiosity. The film “Inception” is set in a time when man has unlocked the knowledge to invade your subconscious thus making it possible for people to enter dreams.

Main character, Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) specializes in subconscious security, but often uses his position to steal from or manipulate his clients for his own benefit, and as part of his last mission he must create an inception—the use of a dream to implement an idea into a person’s mind. During the job, Cobb and his team progress through multiple levels of the subconscious, creating dreams within dreams to invoke the inception, all while being hunted by the dreamers’ subconscious which has been trained to protect its secrets. If you’re not confused yet, then you’re doing well. The film is a psycho-thriller that demands viewers’ full attention, but keeps them basking in suspense on the edge of their seats. But no worries about being easily confused, the director and writers did a fantastic job when they took extra measures to ensure that all details were given throughout the movie to keep viewers from becoming lost.

Although the film makes it easy to maintain attention as a result of DiCaprio, in one of the finest performances of his career as he portrays the main protagonist in a stellar performance. Also stealing the show was Ellen Page, who plays an architect who constructs the team’s dreams by designing mazes and labyrinths. But all acting would have been in vain without the story written and directed by Christopher Nolan (who has directed and written films such as “The Dark Knight,” “Insomnia,” and “The Prestige”). Nolan’s story of deepening understanding and exploring relationships fuels movie goers interests. Much like DiCaprio’s last film, “Shutter Island,” “Inception” is thriller that will leave audience members questioning the next scene, up until the final scene as credits begin to roll. The film closes with an immediate cliffhanger cut similar to “No Country For Old Men” that leaves viewers to determine the ending on their own.

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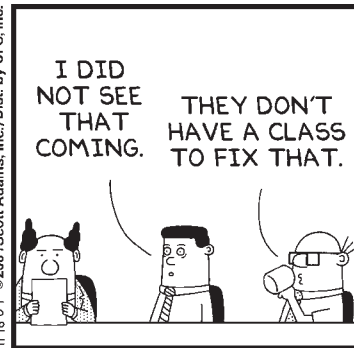
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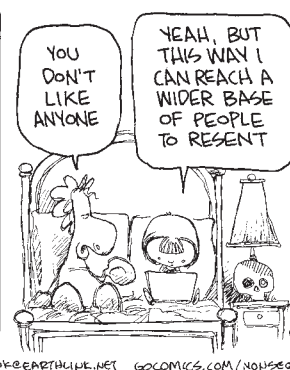
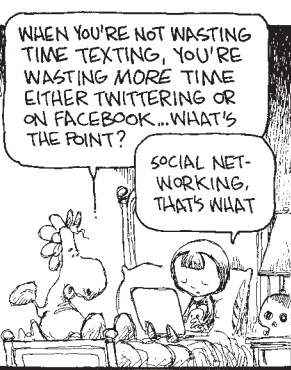
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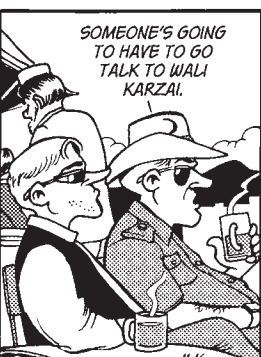
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Smith hits Guerrero below the belt. After a few warnings for the referee, Smith was docked a point for a low blow in the sixth.

Shawn Porter (16-0, 12 KOs) throws a right at Ray Robinson (11-2, 4 KOs). Porter knocked down Robinson in the sixth and went on to win by unanimous decision.

FOOTBALL '10 FORECAST
LINEBACKERS AND DEFENSIVE BACKS

BY PAUL KATOOL
The Daily Mississippian

The Ole Miss front four understandably gets all the hype, but the guys lining up behind them at linebacker aren't bad themselves. By my estimations, the 'backers are the second best unit on the team — behind the defensive line and slightly ahead of the running backs. When discussing the unit, everything starts with the two veterans — middle linebacker Jonathan Cornell and strong-side linebacker Allen Walker. Cornell, who received a medical redshirt in '07, has steadily increased his total number of tackles each season he's been in Oxford. And "steady" is the perfect word to describe Cornell. He's never been flashy, but his intelligence — on and off the field — can be attributed to his consistency in the middle. Then there's Walker, a highly recruited player that ran into early trouble in Oxford with a DUI in '08. But the Olive Branch native showed up to a pre-spring media

opportunity open about his past and confident about his maturity. With off-the-field problems presumably behind him, Walker is a physical presence that can play the run (five tackles for a loss last year) and the pass (five pass deflections in '09). On the weak side, Joel Kight, a 5-foot-9-inch sophomore, has the job locked down. Sure he's small, but the combination of Kight's low center of gravity and speed is perfect for defensive coordinator Tyrone Nix's penchant for the blitz. There are only three linebackers on the field in a 4-3 front, but coach Houston Nutt has repeatedly said that sophomore D.T. Shackelford is a "starter." What does Nutt mean? Shackelford is so talented, that the natural middle linebacker has been busy learning the assignments of the other two 'backer positions so he can get onto the field as often as possible.

Defensive Backs:
With three out of four starters

gone to the NFL, it's no secret that a depleted secondary is the Rebels' weakness on defense. But the one member of the secondary returning — senior strong safety Johnny Brown — is a good one. As a true freshman, Brown was red hot, starting the last seven games of the year. After finding himself buried on the depth chart a sophomore, Brown rose from the ashes last year, finishing second on the team in tackles. At times, the Charleston native was dominant, as evidenced by his 15 tackles against Memphis and his 10 versus Alabama last year. Nobody doubts Brown's athletic ability, but it will be interesting to see how he reacts to being in a leadership position. Last year Kendrick Lewis became a leader as a senior, and so did Marshay Green. Now, it's Brown's turn. Thankfully for Brown, the two presumed starters at cornerback have had plenty of experience in backup roles (mostly in nickel and dime schemes, though). Junior Jeremy McGee has had a whirlwind career — including a transfer from UCLA and more than a few position changes during his collegiate career. Now, McGee

is a virtual lock to be one of the Rebels' starting cornerbacks — as long as he is injury free. Marcus Temple (casual fans read: the guy who tackled Tim Tebow in '08, boosting the Rebels to their upset victory over the Gators) has the inside track to the other corner spot. But redshirt freshman Charles Sawyer has been described by coaches as one of the finest young defensive players they have ever seen. Two interceptions in the spring game didn't hurt his cause. Don't be surprised if the young phenom pushes Temple for playing time. Finally, we get to center field, where Fon Ingram has waited patiently to take over at free safety. But there's a player that might put a kink in those plans. Enter junior college transfer Damien Jackson, a tall, rangy athlete that took the No. 1 spot from Ingram in the spring. My take: Ingram is the safe choice at free safety and is probably a better "assignment" guy, but Jackson is more of a playmaker and has better upside. Coaches are probably willing to start Jackson because a strong Ole Miss pass rush will help out whoever lines up at free safety.

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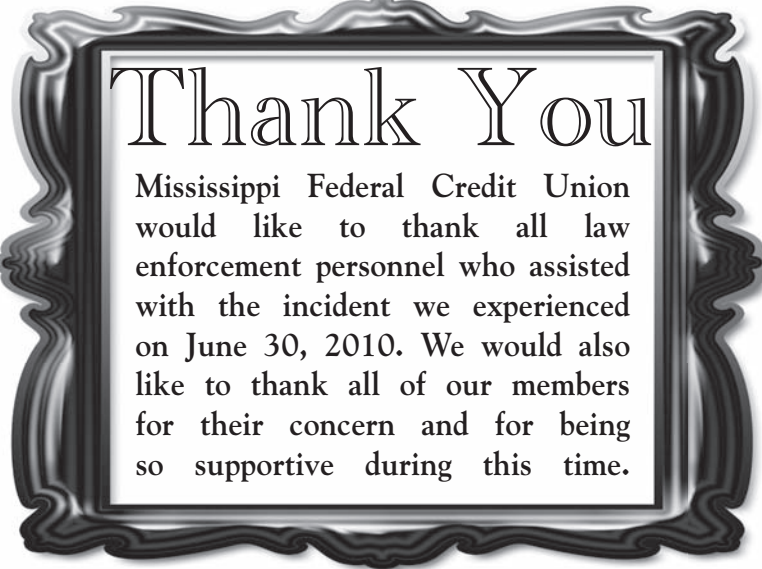
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